



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

18th July 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

Farewell, Good Luck and Thank you

Our Year 6 children have been amazing throughout their time at SSMJ, and they leave us fully ready for the next stage of their educational journey. They have created so many memories and learnt skills and knowledge whilst developing into the wonderful boys and girls they are.

We wish them luck and every success for the future. We have supported them in ensuring they show courage and respect, promote unity, have the highest aspirations and show love in everything they do. Thank you for following the example of Jesus and for being the best you can be. We hope they look back on their time with us with a smile, remembering all they have learned as part of the family and community of SSMJ. As I said this morning, in the word of St Catherine of Sienna, 'Be who God made you to be and you will set the world on fire.'

As our Year 6 move on, I would like to thank the parents and families for the support shown to school throughout the time your child(ren) have been with us, including navigating a Global Pandemic! For some, this is the 'end of an era' and for others who still have siblings at school, we look forward to our continued partnerships.

As you are aware we say farewell to some staff and welcome some new members of our team. We thank them once more for all they have done for the family of SSMJ and wish them well in the

We are also looking forward to our new children in EYFS starting with us. They have enjoyed their visits so far. Thank you to all the children for making them so welcome.





The Sunday Gospel

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus knows that household jobs are important, but he reminds us how important it is to take time to listen to God. Jesus does not force us to listen to him, but he knows what's best for us. Listening is a sign of real love - it's a powerful way of showing that we care. Ask your child if they know someone who is a really good listener. Who does your child like to listen to? Do they know people who speak with kindness and love, and want good things for them and others?

Prayer Friends Tea Party



On Tuesday, the children from the Sacramental Programme met with their prayer friends from the parish. They shared refreshments and enjoyed talking to one another. The choir then treated us all to some beautiful singing. What a lovely afternoon! Thank you to all the staff who helped to prepare and o the day and to our amazing cook Amanda.



Miss Massaro

Congratulations in advance to Miss Massaro and her fiancé who are getting married over the summer. We wish them a wonderful wedding day and look forward to celebrating it with them. On return in September, Miss Massaro will be Mrs Whyman.

Congratulations to you both.

Wellbeing Warriors

After looking at the letters received for the new posts of Wellbeing Warriors we are pleased to announce that Phoebe and Lula will be taking over from Erin and Theodore next year.

The Wellbeing Warriors were able to give a sizeable donation of sportswear to Mr Peter Walshe, who recently contacted school for help with his project supporting a primary school in Uganda, called Kyabahinga Primary School. Thank you to everyone who supported this great cause and we look forward to helping him again in the future.

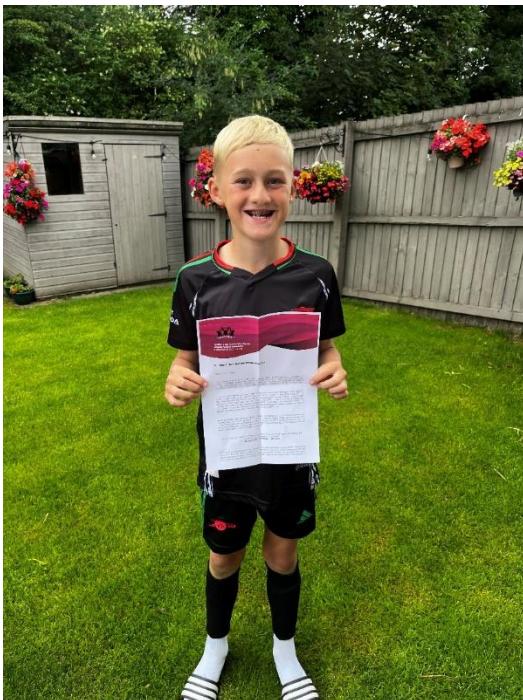


Y6 Leavers' Mass

Thank you to Father for celebrating a lovely Mass for our Y6 pupils on Monday. Thank you to the children who read, to the whole school for their wonderful signing and the parents, relatives and members of the parish who were there to support them.

Year 6 Leavers' Lunch

Our Leavers' Lunch took place on 16th July. Parents were treated to a recording of the fun the children had during the Leavers' Assembly today. Thank you to our cook, Amanda, and to the staff who supported at lunchtime.



Football News

A huge congratulations to Roman in Year 5. Two weeks ago he went for trials to represent the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley District Schools Football Association for the upcoming 2025-2026 season. He completed trials in which he competed against 75 other children from local schools, he was one of only 15 selected for the squad. This is a brilliant opportunity. Well done Roman, we are very proud of you!

Pools to Schools

A separate letter has been sent out about this and we will send reminders ahead of the 3rd September.

Women's Euros Competition in collaboration with Burnley Football Club

Women's Euro's Final Competition
with BFC Women's First Team



To celebrate the Women's Euros and in partnership with our phenomenal Women's First Team, we're thrilled to launch a special competition for children with a *signed Burnley FC shirt* up for grabs!

Please find attached a video explaining the competition from our fantastic, Women's First Team players, Emma Siddall and Heidi Logan. Please feel free to share this with your children and families.

Entry is free and open to all children. To take part, simply click the link below and answer four quick questions:

1. Which nations will be in the final?
2. What will the final score be?
3. Who will score?
4. In what minute will the first goal be scored?

The closest prediction will win the signed shirt, which will be delivered in September. **Please note:** Year 6 children are welcome to enter, and we will liaise with their secondary schools to ensure delivery if they win.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4X4Ft5rq9K>

Best of luck!

Music Lessons

If your child is interested in peripatetic music lessons from September, please see the link below for more details.

<https://uklancashire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

School Lunches



Please can parents ensure you pre-order pupil lunches on ParentPay to allow for kitchen staff to plan and for pupils to receive a meal of their choice and to avoid food waste. Thank you.

Our catering team are offering a cold option of a 5 item packed lunch each day from now until October.

Clubs and Afterschool Activities



All clubs and activities will be finalised when children return in September.



Happy birthday to Alfie in Year 1, who celebrated a birthday this week.

We would also like to wish a very happy birthday to Coby in EYFS, Renato in Year 1, Isla in Year 2, Paul, Darcy and Riley in Year 3, Frank, Euan and Charlie in Year 4, Henry and Phoebe in Year 5 and Louis, Nancy-Rae and Ava in Year 6 who will all celebrate a birthday over the summer holidays.

Celebration and Leavers' Assembly

There was no celebration assembly this week due to our annual Y6 Leavers' Assembly where we celebrated our wonderful Year 6 children. Thank you to all the parents and relatives who attended and for your kind works for the staff and I.

A Final Thank you from Me.

I would like to thank everyone who has been part of our journey during 24-25.

To all who have been part of our school and parish family and have supported school in ensuring we all 'follow the example of Jesus so we can be the best we can be'.

Thank you to our parents and families, to the staff, to Father Paul, the parishioners who supported the Sacramental Program, the Friends of SSMJ, student helpers, volunteers, those from other companies we have worked with and our Board of dedicated voluntary governors, but most importantly to the children.

We continue to be blessed with a wonderful community and family here at SSMJ and this is due to the dedication and commitment of all who are involved with our school.

On behalf of the staff and governors, thank you for the kind words, cards and gifts received.

Have a lovely, restful and safe summer. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to our continuing partnership in the new school year.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 3 rd September	School Re-opens
Tuesday 23 rd September	10.00 am ~ Year 1 & 2 Library Visit to Clitheroe Library
Thursday 25 th September	10.00 am ~ EYFS Library Visit to Clitheroe Library
Monday 29 th September	Let's go Sing ~ First School Visit
Monday 6 th October	TriKids Triathlon Activates - Whole School Event
Monday 13 th October	Individual School Photographs
Friday 24 th October	School closes for half term

Take Care & God Bless.

Mrs Zoe Mabbott - Headteacher

Notices from other Companies and Providers

Notices

We are often asked to share information about events with you, which we do to support our community, and so you can consider whether these are of interest to you. Please note, school is not recommending or validating these events, we are simply passing on the information.



Summer Crash Course.

**Course fee £33.00
for a 5-day block
booking.**

Summer Crash Course is Back!

Would your child benefit from attending a swimming course?

During the summer school break we will be running 5-day crash course swimming sessions 07:00-11:00am

These courses will consist of 5x 30-minute, morning lessons.

Monday 28 - Friday 1st August

Monday 4th - Friday 8th August

Monday 11th - Friday 15th August

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd August

If your child is a non-swimmer, beginner, or just needs to gain a confidence boost and you would like to use this opportunity for them to learn/improve an essential life skill, please contact Ribblesdale pool reception on **01200 424825** to book your place.



Ribble Valley
Borough Council
www.ribblevalley.gov.uk



Join The Creation Station for fun during Summer 2025!

23 July – 13 August 9.30 am-3.00pm

£30.00 per day per child Ages 5-12

At Trinity Community Hub, Clitheroe BB7 2JY

Drawing, Painting, Collage, Printmaking,
Clay Modelling & 3D Model-Making with the theme
'Awesome Artists – from Beatrix Potter to Pablo Picasso'
with breaks in Trinity's new Eco Garden & Castle Park



Pre-booking Essential at www.thecreationstation.co.uk

Or ring Jo on 07494 770251

ENCORE

TUITION



HOW FAR WILL YOU GO THIS SUMMER?

Encore Tuition will be staging their very own 'show in a week' with the Broadway Junior musical based on the hit Disney film! Sign up now to avoid disappointment and reserve your place - you're welcome!

Suitable for ages 5 - 16

Monday 18th August - Friday 22nd August

9am - 4pm (packed lunch required)

St. Mary's Centre, Church Street,
Clitheroe, BB7 2DG

Fee - £120 for the week

£30 deposit to reserve place

£90 remainder due by 21st July

Performances
Friday 22nd August
evening
Saturday 23rd
August
matinee

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CLITHEROE AND CHATBURN LIBRARY

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE The Saga continues!!!



CALLING ALL READING SUPERHEROES!

Yes, it's that time of year again! As the summer holidays are fast approaching, the Spoiler is up to his usual antics and making mischief in our libraries.

Here's our latest character, **Alphabot**, (inspired by last year's winning 'design an invention' competition entry from Clayton Green Library). He's usually a very helpful book-tidying robot



BUT...

... he's started to malfunction and is causing chaos in our libraries. We need you to stop him from making mischief!! Could it be the work of **THE SPOILER?**



We need you to fix Alphabot!

What you need to do!

As with the last two summers we will be challenging children:

- to read **5 books** and tell us your favourite to be a **READING HERO** – 2 books earns a sticker and stretchy fidget tube, completing 5 books earns a sticker and dancing robot spinner
- and to complete **3 tasks** to become a **READING SUPERHERO** – this enters you into a prize draw for 12 winners to receive a £50 Lego kit of your choice, one winner per district (Chatburn Library had a winner last year!)



TASKS

This year's STEM tasks are focusing on **engineering**:

- Join in with an event at your library this summer
- Find out about an inventor or invention
- Make a robot that moves
- Build something strong that can hold something up
- Experiment with music and sound waves
- Visit a Lancashire Museum or Lancashire Archives

We have lots of events planned for the 6-week summer holiday. Each week will have a different theme, but all designed to help you complete your 3 tasks. Our activities include:

- 24 July: Gears and Robots — Get hands-on with gears and build your own robotic arm
- 31 July: Building Bridges — Engineer epic bridges and test your design skills to span the challenge
- 7 August: Colours and Light — Discover the magic of colour and light in our dazzling science session
- 14 August: Electrical Circuits — Spark curiosity by creating circuits and light up your imagination
- 21 August: Communication and Morse Code — Crack the code by exploring Morse and master the secrets of communication
- 28 August: Recap Catch-Up Session — Missed a week? Catch up on all the fun in our recap session.

Come and join us.

Reading Heroes will run from 1st July to 30th September, so there is plenty of time to complete the challenge and 'fix Alphabot'.

Thank you!



Wild Explorers

Where nature, fun and adventure collide!

A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

**We are an
OFSTED
registered
outdoor
holiday club
where children
can play, enjoy
a campfire,
woodland
crafts, tools
and much
more!**



Price

£35 per child per day
Childcare vouchers accepted

Age

Reception - Age 13

Summer Holiday Club

21st July - 29th August
(excluding 22nd August)

For your Secondary aged children we have our 2-day experience; Into the Wild! 4th & 5th August - head to our website for booking & more info.



Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



hello@wildexplorers.org.uk



www.wildexplorers.org.uk



Clitheroe Castle Museum EVENTS

DAILY

11am - 4pm

HUNT COMPETITION

Embark on a search through the museum galleries. Will you find all the hidden objects? Enter our competition and you might be the lucky winner of a fabulous bag of souvenirs.

DAILY

11am - 4pm

MAKE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

Unleash your creativity with a selection of themed crafts. Drop in event. From £2.50, while stocks last.

VARIOUS
DATES IN
JULY

ARCHAEOLOGY FESTIVAL

Join us throughout July for talks and tours, dig pits and pottery. There is something for everyone. Find out more on our website.

EVERY
WEDNESDAY

CASTLE CRAFTS

Join us for some fabulous craft activities each Wednesday throughout the summer. £6 per child, including all materials. Book online to avoid disappointment.

SUNDAY
17 AUG

11am - 3:30pm

A Day of Knights

Join us for a FREE action packed day of weapons handling and medieval combat displays.

Open Daily, all kids go free

Find details of all our activities and events on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) or visit our website at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/clitheroe-castle-museum/> or via the QR code.



JULY 2025

ST MARY'S CENTRE

WHAT'S ON FOR THE MONTH AHEAD



TESCO

St Mary's
Centre

Vote for the St Mary's Centre Tesco Clitheroe July to September 2025



We are a community hub in Clitheroe supporting clubs, activities and stage performances for the local area.

We need help to modernise our building so we can continue to offer our spaces.

Please vote for us in Tesco Clitheroe every time you shop with your blue chip!



Every
blue chip
helps!



The month ahead

MONDAYS

St Mary's playgroup (Term time only)
9.15am-11.15am

Tai Chi—10.30am-11.30am

Ladies Badminton—1.00pm - 2.30pm

The A Team 4.30 - 6.45pm (Term time & pre-booked only)

Beavers 6-7pm (Term time & pre-booked only)

Cubs/Scouts 7-8pm (Term time & pre-booked only)

TUESDAYS

Aerobics - 11.00am - 12.00noon

Jujitsu—7.00pm-8.30pm

WEDNESDAYS

Tai Chi—6.30pm-7.30pm

THURSDAYS

Line Dancing—7.30pm - 8.30pm

FRIDAYS

Line Dancing—10.00am - 12noon

SATURDAYS

Puppy Training—10am-11am

Most classes are drop in for more information please visit our website

Available to hire for regular meetings or one-off events
Prices from - £12/hour

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**THE MUNI
THEATRE**
Albert Road | Colne | BB8 0AE

Dear Valued Arts Supporter, The Muni Theatre has some great Primary School friendly shows coming up in the forthcoming season and we wanted you to be the first to know.

YOU CHOOSE, Weds 29th October - Based on the brilliant book by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt Nonsense Room Productions (Shark in the Park and Hairy Maclary Shows) bring you an interactive musical show for all the family. But in this show – **YOU CHOOSE what happens!**

The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Thurs 27th November - The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show has been dazzling audiences around the globe for over seven years, faithfully bringing to the stage Eric Carle's timeless classics. Created by Jonathan Rockefeller, this production of the critically acclaimed show features a menagerie of over **75 magical puppets**, including the star of the show – **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**.

Ministry of Science Live, Science Saved the World, Sun 27th July - Over the last few years Science has led the way in getting our lives back to normal. Now, the UK's favourite science team are back and more explosive than ever! Join our presenters as they dive deep into the world of science and look at how science shapes the modern world we live in with a few loud bangs along the way!

Why should the kids have all the fun!? **Cheesy Bingo Party**, Fri 18th July - The Cheesy Bingo Party brings you music, madness, sing-a-longs, ridiculous prizes, a few surprises and the craziest game of bingo you've ever played! The host has got the bingo numbers, the DJ has got the cheesiest party tunes, we're talking maximum cheese! Get your Dabbers out and put your dancing shoes on! **18+ Only**

And coming in January 2026 is **Aladdin** - *This magical pantomime features Great Songs, Dazzle Dance Routines, Stunning Scenery, Beautiful Costumes and Amazing Special Effects* unforgettable experience for children and adults alike.

Group bookings are now open and due to popular demand, we've added **2 relaxed performances** to the run. **Book early to avoid disappointment.** The full performance schedule is on the next page.

